(c) whether Government have under their consideration any proposal in this regard ; and

(d) if so, what are main the features thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (d) The revision of scales of pay of executives who are on Industrial DA pattern is due mostly from 1-8-87 except for Fertilizer Group, where these are due from 1-8-86. The parameters, on the basis of which revision of scales of pay and allowances of these executives would be permitted are being evolved by the Government. Decision in this regard would be taken by Government shortly.

Supply of crude oil and petroleum products by USSR

612. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested the Soviet Union to raise the supply of crude oil and other petroleum products during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what is the additional quantity agreed upon to be supplied;

(c) whether the Soviet Union has impressed upon India to expedite the completion of the Karnal and the Mangalore Refineries;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) whether any alternative arrangements have also been made to meet the demand in the country; and

(f) if so, what are the detail thereof ;

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASAMY): (a) and (b) The import of crude oil and petroleum products from the Soviet Union is governed by the annual Indo-USSR Trade Plan. For 1989 this protocol provided for an import of 4:5 million tonnes of crude oil and 2.85 million tonnes of petroleum products. In 1990 the Soviet Union was requested to increase these quantities but they were unable to do so and the Trade for 1990 also provides for the import of 4.5 million tonnes of crude oil and 2.85 million tonnes of petroleum products from USSR.

(c) and (d) No Soviet assistance is envisaged for the proposed Mangalore Refinery Project. On the proposed Karnal Refinery Project, there has been a continuing dialogue between the Indian and Soviet organisations for finalisation of the terms and extent of Soviet assistance for the project.

(e) and (f) Yes Sir, the gap between demand and supply of crude oil anM petroleum products will be met through imports from other countries.

Wing damage to Boeing hushed up

613. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in the Indian Express, Bombay of the 22nd October, 1989, captioned "Wing Damage to Boeing Hushed up";

(b) whether Government have ordered any enquiry into the matter;

(c) whether Government have received any report from D.G.C.A. relating to the above incident;

(d) if so, what are the details of the said report and what action has been taken by Government against the erring officials; and

(c) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 18-10-89, Air India's Boeing 747 aircraft was undergoing maintenance in the hangar. The outboard wing jacks positioned below the wing of the aircraft were in an extended position. A Charge-hand without ensuring that the wing jacks had been lowered, permitted the operation of the flap system which led to the damage of the leading edge flap. The incident was investigated soon after, by the DGCA. Following the incident, Air India have warned the Supervisor and one Technician and Engineers have been advised to ensure proper communication with all concerned while operating aircraft systems.

(e) Does not arise.

Union to pursue violation of Aircraft Rules

614. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Indian Post, Bombay of the 19th December, 1989, captioned "Union to pursue violation of Aircraft Rules";

(b) whether Government have conducted any investigation on the basis of the said report;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(d) if no, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (e) Yes, sir. The matter was investigated by the Director General of Civil Aviation and it was found that there was no violation of aircraft rules.

Air India—Loss projected as profit

615. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Sunday Midday, Bombay of the 7th January, 1989 captioned 'AI—Loss into Profit";

(b) whether Government are now enquiring into the financial irregularities shown in the balance sheet to project profits;

(c) if so, what are the details of the enquiry report; and

(d) if no enquiry has been conducted, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Accounts of Air India for the year 1988-89 have been verified and certified by two independent professional firms of chartered accountants and certified by the Member, Audit Board and Ex-Officio Director of Commercial Audit on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Therefore, no enquiry is necessary.